

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor : Euan Skinner Macleod  
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Docket No. : 0978-0024

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 25, 2008, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following Remarks.

**A Listing of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.